



# Smog's a Blessing In Disguise, He Says

by *Count Marco*

Los Angeles smog is indeed a blessing in disguise.

It is so bad it causes the eyes to water and impairs the vision, so that what you think you see can be quickly brushed away from the mind's eye as a possible visual distortion. Otherwise, to believe that what you see truly exists in the flesh could cause a case of mass hysteria and national letdown. On both sides.

Once I remarked after a visit down in that hellhole of femininity about a sight that, to use a popular expression, was the living end. By that I mean it was something living that had reached the true meaning of the word "end."

It was a pair, to be sickeningly exact; a woman, at least eight months pregnant, wearing a bikini, while her husband (who was no prize either) was clothed solely in a pair of tight, faded bathing trunks with a pot that jiggled as he waddled.

Last week I saw a companion piece, and where else but in Los Angeles? As I walked past one of those coin-operated, self-service laundry shops, I thought at first I saw a corpse.

She should have been dead and shrouded. Stretched out across the top of five closely aligned automatic machines sound asleep, was one of the most unreasonable facsimiles of femininity I have seen since the airport incident.

She had her hair up in giant rollers; cheeks smudged with eye shadow that hadn't been washed off in days; a stained, button-missing blouse, and Capris begging to burst at the seams. I won't make you ill by talking about her feet. Mon Dieu!

It is bad, bad enough to see you average American women huddled in those laundry rooms

looking as if you yourself need the services of a good laundry more than your soiled clothes.

But to forget yourself even further by not caring enough about manners and breeding that you dare to sleep in public is upsetting to me.

For the first time in my years of writing this column I call upon you for help. We must find a powerful means of banning hair rollers, slacks and Capris in public altogether.

Had she been in a dress I might have overlooked the coin laundry creature as an over-worked woman taking 40 winks. In her outfit, she obviously was too lazy to do any kind of work.

Let's eliminate once and for all her and her type, of which there are far too many. It calls for drastic measures.

You must help me clean them up.

In my state of shock I can't think as clearly as I usually do. I call upon you and your beasts for suggestions. Anything short of murder will be acceptable. What?

## New Post Office Annex Receives U.S. Approval

Plans to construct a new post office annex at the northwest corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Monterey Street have been announced in Washington, D. C., by Postmaster General John A. Gronouski.

Construction of the new building will be done by private capital and leased to the Post Office Department, it was reported. Bids for the new facilities will be called at an early date, he said.

Plans to go ahead with the

construction of new facilities on Crenshaw Boulevard to replace those now existing on Torrance Boulevard west of Madrona were announced after an option was obtained on the more than three acres of property at the new site. The option will be transferred to the successful bidder who will purchase the land, construct the new facilities, and lease the area back to the Post Office Department.

Postmaster Clara A. Conner

## Cal Federal Office Open

Preview opening ceremonies were held in the Peninsula Center last week for the California Federal Savings building, a \$1 million structure at 27608 Silver Spur Road.

The opening was marked by an unusual "unlocking" instead of the traditional ribbon cutting. Mayor Teena Clifton of Rolling Hills Estates, and Benjamin Sepulveda, a de-

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